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GOVERNING BODY, NOV 11

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1. SUMMARY: BECAUSE OF PROLONGED DISCUSSION OF ILO WORK ON MULTI-
NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, COMMITTEE FINISHED NOT QUITE FIRST THREE AGENDA

ITEMS; REMAINDER POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY SESSION. COMMITTEE AGREED
ILO DG COULD SUBMIT HIS OWN ASSESSMENT OF ILO ROLE IN DDII (GB 194/10/

3/9) TO UNSYG IN ORDER TO MEET END OF YEAR DEADLINE, WITH UNDERSTANDING

THAT COMMITTEE WOULD COMMENT LATER. PLO ISSUE (REFTEL) NOT REAISED.
END SUMMARY.

2. MAIN POINTS OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION FOLLOW:

A-ITEM 1- COMMITTEE NOTED ANNUAL REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (GB 194/10/1/3) WITOUT SIGNIFICANT
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COMMENT.

B-AGENDA ITEM 2

(1) REVIEW OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (GB 194/10/2/6)- USG STATEMENT THAT REVIEW SHOULD NOT ERODE TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE OF ILO SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL THREE GROUPS. ADG BOLIN REPEATED SUBSTANCE OF PARA 5 REF DOC AND AGREED IOL TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT CHANGE. WORKERS'S STATEMENT (SEIDMAN) SUPPORTING UN SYG'S POSITION AGAINST PROLIFERATION OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES (PARA 25(C) ECOSOC E/5524, MAY 30, 1974) ALSO SUPPORTED BY REPS OF ALL GROUPS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY SEIDMAN, ADG BOLIN DENIED THAT UN CONSIDERING SCHEME FOR CENTRALIZED BUDGET WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

(2) ECOSOC 56 TH SESSION (GB 194/10/2/8) AND 57TH SESSION (GB 194/10/2/10) DISCUSSED TOGETHER. EMPLOYERS SOPKESMAN (TATTA, INDIA) SUPPORTED WORKERS STATEMENT THAT ACTION TO COMBAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (PARAS 5-8 OF GB 194/10/2/8) SHOULD NOT CENTER ON SOUTH AFRICA; TATTA ALSO SAID EXPULSION OF SA FROM ILO GAVE SA "A CERTAIN IMMUNITY FROM REPLYING" TO ILO INQUIRIES. ADG BOLIN NOTED SEIDMAN REQUEST THAT DG URGE UN SYG TO PRESS SA FOR REPLY TO INFRINGEMENT OF RIGHTS CASE OF GENERAL WORKERS UNION OF LESOTHO (PARAS 9-11 REF DOC). CANADIAN GOVT REP QUESTIONED NEED FOR SPECIAL SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 75 OF UNGA TO ACCELERATE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (PARA 8, GB 194/10/2/10); HE SAID IF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO VOTE, CANADA WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST.

(3) IMPACT OF MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS (GB 194/10/2/12) -WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS BOTH AGREED ECOSOC HAD " STOLEN ILO THUNDER" ON MNC WORK AND URGED DG TO ACCELERATE WORK ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF MNC. SEIDMAN SAID ISSUE WAS WHETHER ILO WOULD UNDERTAKE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES BY URGENTLY PURSUING BOTH POLICY AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS, OR WHETHER IT WOULD CONTINUE TO TALK GENERALITIES WHILE IN EFFECT ABIDCATING TO ECOSOC. SEIDMAN FURTHER PRESSED DG AND EMPLOYERS TO PLACE ON AGENDA OF JUNE CONFERENCE DRAFT "CODE OF CONDUCT OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOR" OF MNC'S. EMPLOYERS (RICHAN AND TATTA) EMPHASIZED NEED TO KNOW FACTS AND SAID FURTHER CONCRETE WORK PROPOSALS UP TO WORKERS GROUP. ADG BOLIN SAID ILO ROLE IN ECOSOC WORK WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSURED AND THAT UP TO NOW ONLY COMMITTEE OF EMINENT PERSONS HAD TRESPASSED ON ILO AREAS OF COMPETANCE. HE SAID ILO WORK ON MNC WOULD BE REVIEWED BY GB NEXT NOVEMBER WHEN ECOSOC WORK WOULD ONLY BE BEGINNING. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN IN SUMMARY NOTED AGREEMENT THAT ECOSOC HAD LEGITIMATE ROLE IN LOOKING AT MNC'S, THAT ILO SHOULD ACCELERATE ITS OWN WORK AND THAT WORK ON MNC BY INTERNATIONAL BODIES SHOULD BE COORDINATED.DALE

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